

Application No.: 10/777,599

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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejects claims 4-5, 7-8, 11-12, and 14-18. Specifically, the Office Action rejects claims 4-5, 7-8, 11-12, and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. In addition, claims 14-18 remain objected to because of the issue of informality. The Office Action further indicates previously amended claims 12 and 16 creates new problems, and previously amended claims 4 and 14 still have related problems, both of which need to be addressed.

Discussion of Office Action Rejections

Applicants have amended claims 4, 14, 16, and cancelled claim 12 within which the descriptions of the first/second control signals are deemed confusing and misleading by the Examiner.

With respect to amended claim 4, the switch itself is actually controlled by the second control signal since signal VA is shown to be received by transistors 201 and 251 in Fig. 2, wherein 201, 251, and signal VA all correspond to second transistor, switch, and second control signal of claim 4. Applicants therefore amend claim 4 as suggested by the Examiner.

With respect to amended claim 14, Applicants change the term "the other terminal" to "another terminal" to clearly state the terminal has never been cited within claim 14. Claims

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15-18 depending on claim 14 would be allowable if Applicants rewritten or amend claim 14 to distinctly claim the subject matter.

Moreover, as shown in Fig 3, a source of the third transistor is electrically connected to a ground, while a drain of the third transistor is electrically connected to a source terminal of the second transistor 313. Applicants accordingly amend claim 14 by adding the above-mentioned feature in order to overcome the rejection indicating what comprises in claim 14 is not clear.

With respect to amended claim 16, Applicants delete the term “said capacitor” to demonstrate the capacitor is electrically connected to the fourth transistor rather than comprises the fourth transistor.

After entry of the amendments, claims 4-5, 7-8, 11, and 14-18 remain pending in the present application, and reconsideration of those claims is respectfully requested.

It is believed that the foregoing amendments and additions add no new matter to the present application.

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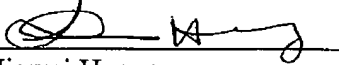
CONCLUSION

By including the above amended specification and title, it is believed the present application is in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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